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### **Linda Vista Branch Library Hosts Vietnamese Poets & Librarians at Special Event Celebrating Poetry and Library Service**

**San Diego, CA...** The Linda Vista Branch of the San Diego Public Library will host ***Words 360: Vietnamese-American Poets & Librarians*** on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m., featuring award-winning poet Kim Ly Bui-Burton and San Diego Public Library Vietnamese American librarians Lien Dao and Vy Tu. This special event, which is free to the public, will honor poetry and library service. It will also highlight the importance of education and the arts in the Vietnamese American community. It is being held in conjunction with the 2011 *One Book, One San Diego* selection, “*The Gangster We Are All Looking For*,” by native San Diegan Lê Thi Diem Thúy. The Linda Vista Branch Library is located at 2160 Ulric Street in San Diego.

Kim Bui-Burton is a librarian and poet of national renown. Her poems have been published in publications as diverse as *Tilting the Continent: Southeast Asian American Writing*, *The Body Eclectic: An Anthology of Poems for Teens* and *I Am Becoming the Woman I’ve Wanted*. Kim is the Director of the Monterey Public Library and the 2010 President of the California Library Association. Her poetry reflects her multicultural heritage, connecting the natural and human worlds with lyric intensity.

Librarians Vy Tu and Lien Dao will join Kim Bui-Burton after her poetry reading for a panel discussion about librarianship and their experience of being Vietnamese American librarians. Both Vy Tu and Lien Dao have decades of experience with the San Diego Public Library. They are branch managers at two of the highest circulating branches in the library system, the Carmel Valley and Mira Mesa branches, respectively.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time. Throughout the year the San Diego Public Library will present various lectures, discussion groups and other programs related to themes in the book, and to educate and enlighten on topics and issues of concern to the community.

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Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, including more One Book, One San Diego happenings, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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